White Paper on functioning of Nehru Yuvak Kendra at Nahan in Himachal Pradesh

1139. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news-item published in the Hindustan Times, Patna edition of the 18th March, 1991 wherein Government have been accused of ignoring elected representatives of the people and a White Paper has been demanded on the functioning of Nehru Yuvak Kendras working in different parts of the country under criticism for creating problems;

(b) whether some ongoing survey has been conducted; and

(c) if so, what has been the result thereof and how Government propose to ensure the functioning of said Kendras in proper way?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (KUM. MAMTA BANERJEE): (a) The Government's attention has not been drawn to any news-item published in Hindustan Times of 18th March, 1991 alleging that the Government was ignoring the elected representatives of the people and demanding a White Paper on the functioning of the Nehru Yuva Kendras.

(b) Yes. Planning Commission has completed an evaluation of NYK Sangathan early this year.

(c) The Planning Commission has made a generally favourable evaluation report on the positive impact of the NYK programmes and at the same time suggested some measures for improvement.

Number of pending cases in Supreme Court and High Courts

1140. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: SHRI SURESH KALMADI: DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY: SHRI RAM NARESH YADAV:

Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of pending cases in Supreme Court and various High Courts as on the 31st July, 1991 and out of them how many cases are such which are pending for more than six years; and

(b) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration for increasing the number of judges in Supreme Court and various High Courts for speedy disposal of the cases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(b) The sanctioned strength of Supreme Court is 26 Judges at present; there is no proposal to increase it. It has been decided to create 52 new post of permanent/Additional Judges in various High Courts over and above their sanctioned strength of 496 permanent/Additional Judges for speedy disposal of cases.

Pay Scales and Promotional Avenues of Unani Doctors under CGHS

1141. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Unani doctors are given the same pay scales and promotional avenues which are available to Allopathic doctors under CGHS; and

(b) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) and (b) The pay scales of Unani doctors are the same as available to Allopathic doctors. The allopathic doctors working in the CGHS are included in the Central Health Service which has its own promotion policies. Since the Unani doctors are few in number and do not belong to any organised Service, the promotional avenues of Unani doctors cannot be compared to CGHS doctors.

Funds for Khoj Project

1142. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have earmarked specific funds for Integrated Communication Strategy for Women and Child Survival (Khoj Project);

(b) if so, what are the details thereof indicating when the Project was first approved and actually started indicating the progress and funds actually spent; and

(c) what has been the progress and impact of this Project and whether the Project wil be continued and if so, full details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) and (b) Under Child Survival Health Support Project funds were available from USAID for sanctioning of innovative projects. Voluntary Health Association of India (VHAI), submitted a proposal entitled "Integrated Communication Strategy for women and held survival (KHOJ)" to Ministry of Health and Family Welfare for funding in January, 1991. Subsequently, after the project was accepted by USAID for funding on 11th Mareh, 1991, an agreement was entered into by VHAI and Govt. of India on 26th March, 1991 for time bound implementation of the project by VHAI. As per the agreement, VHAI undertook to complete all the activities of the project by 30th September, 1991.

(c) The progress of the project has not been as per the time schedule agreed to by VHAI in the Agreement. VHAI have accordingly been advised to expedite project implementation and complete all the atcivities by 30th September, 1991 including impact evaluation.

Export Obligation for DGS&D Orders on sacking Jute Mills

1143. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to change its earlier policy of export obligation for DGS&D orders on sacking jute mills of the country;

(b) if so, details thereof; and

(c) if not, whether Government have received any request from up country jute mills which will be closed unless such export obligation is not withdrawn immediately and if so what is the final decision of Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Rameshwara Jute Mills, Samastipur, Bihar has requested that the export obligation on orders for supply of B. Twill jute bags to DGS&D be waived since it did not produce exportable goods nor could it afford to purchase such export obligation at a premium which would cause the mill to become unviable. The mill has been advised to formulate a plan of action to diversify its production and reorient it towards exports. Govt. will consider and take appropriate action on the request of Rameshwara Jute Mills, if the latter is unable to fulfil